

BURMA









GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

C-in-C Sr. Gen. MIN AUNG HLAING

Head of Government

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Government Type

parliamentary republic

Capital

Rangoon (Yangon); note - Nay Pyi Taw is the administrative capital

Legislature

bicameral Assembly of the Union (Pyidaungsu) replaced by a State Administrative Council run by the military government

Judiciary

Supreme Court of the Union (consists of the chief justice and 7-11 judges)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador AUNG LYNN

US Ambassador

Ambassador Thomas J. VAJDA

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 676,578 sq km Land: 653,508 sq km Water: 23,070 sq km

Climate

tropical monsoon; cloudy, rainy, hot, humid summers (southwest monsoon, June to September); less cloudy, scant rainfall, mild temperatures, lower humidity during winter (northeast monsoon, December to April)

Natural Resources

petroleum, timber, tin, antimony, zinc, copper, tungsten, lead, coal, marble, limestone, precious stones, natural gas, hydropower, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

economic reforms implemented since 2011 have resulted in economic growth rates between 6% and 8% between 2014 and 2018; remains one of the poorest countries in Asia; economic performance is hampered by poor infrastructure, endemic corruption, underdeveloped human resources, and inadequate access to capital

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$329.8 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$6,300 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$9.83 billion (2017 est.)

partners: China 36.5%, Thailand 21.8%, Japan 6.6%, Singapore 6.4%, India 5.9% (2017)

Imports

\$15.78 billion (2017 est.)

partners: China 31.4%, Singapore 15%, Thailand 11.1%, Saudi Arabia 7.5%, Malaysia 6.2%, Japan 6%, India 5.5%, Indonesia 4.5% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

56.6 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

0.85% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

Burman (Bamar) 68%, Shan 9%, Karen 7%,

Rakhine 4%, Chinese 3%, Indian 2%, Mon 2%, other 5%

Language

Burmese (official)

Buddhist 87.9%, Christian 6.2%, Muslim 4.3%, Animist 0.8%, Hindu 0.5%, other 0.2%, none 0.1% (2014 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 31.1% of total population (2020) rate of urbanization: 1.74% annual rate of change

Literacy

75.6% (2016)

